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LITTLE CORNARD  

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MAGAZINE



*Have a Happy  
Christmas  
and a Prosperous  
New Year*



CHRISTMAS  
2013





## **SERVICES at ALL SAINTS**

Regular Sunday Services at 10.30am at All Saints

except

1st Sunday of the month - 10.30am at St Mary's, Bures

**24th November**

**10:30am - Christingle Service**



**22nd December**

**6.30pm - Carol Service**



**Christmas Eve in Bures**

**4.00pm - Crib Service**

**11.30pm - Midnight Communion**



**Christmas Day - at All Saints**

**10.30am - Family Service followed by Communion**



**29th December - at All Saints**

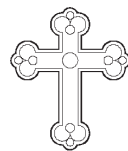
**10.30am – Benefice Communion Service**

**✠ From All Saints Church Registers ✠**

Baptisms: Isabella Farrow and Clementine Simmonds  
Dr. Christopher Starr was confirmed at Lamarsh Church

Please watch the notice boards around the village as there may be special services during the year to which all will be welcome.

# *Peartree Barn, Mount Bures*



*November, 2013.*

*Dear Friends*

*As I write, a beautiful balmy autumn (T-shirt weather) has suddenly turned to wild, cold, winter weather and by the time you read this Christmas will be upon us. The seasons, the weather, politics, our age, and time itself doesn't stand still. The world and our lives continue to evolve, and change is sometimes the most difficult thing to bear.*

*We are still mourning the death of our good friend Revd. Tony Moore who was such an inspiration to us at the church. Now we also have to get used to having no Vicar because Revd. Robin King has taken up his new post as Archdeacon of Stansted in the Chelmsford Diocese and we are bereft again. However, thanks to the enthusiasm of a good and faithful few at the church, life goes on and we are all pulling together to make the best of a difficult time of transition: "The Vacancy", which could last as long as a year!*

*This is a time to put our best foot forward, to be united and harmonious. The parish church belongs to all who live in the parish so the building, the Sunday services and the beautiful surroundings are a resource for the whole village. We would very much like to welcome you to some of our services over Christmas.*

*Jesus came to earth 2,000 years ago, he was born a helpless baby, to a poor family, in a grotty stable, to an unmarried mother. He never travelled very far, or wrote a book, or owned a house, or had a family. He didn't come to speak to the priests or the rulers or the wealthy, he came to speak to the ordinary people: his friends were carpenters, fishermen, and labourers. He came with a message of love to all people; he came to set us free from the bonds of sin and death and offered us the promise of eternal life. Now there is something to celebrate!*

*I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and fulfilling new year.*

*With love in Christ*

*Revd. Mary Cantacuzene*

## **Farewell to Robin & Katharine King**

As most readers will know, Robin was appointed to be the first Arch-Deacon of Stansted, in the Chelmsford Diocese, from September 2013.

Some 21 years ago, he was appointed incumbent of the Bures-St-Mary Parish. All Saints Little Cornard joined with Bures around 6 years later in 1998, (followed soon after by St Edmund Assington), to form a new Benefice. So that by 2013 Robin had been our Vicar for some 15 years.

All members of our Church congratulated him warmly on a very significant appointment, but, with mixed feelings, because of our sadness in “losing” both Robin and Katharine. Their contribution to the lives of all three Churches has been enormous. With their leadership, their wise counsel and their friendship, the Benefice has gone from strength to strength.

To mark their leaving, on August 3rd a splendid Party was held in Bures Village Hall. There was lavish food and drink, entertainment by the Ministry Team (!), and, (Robin’s favourite), Scottish Dancing for those fit enough to manage. During the evening, Robin & Katharine were presented with a fine engraved glass bowl, to mark their time here, and a substantial cheque subscribed by the three congregations.

During August they moved into their new house in Bradwell - they will not be very far away - and then took off for a well-earned holiday in Kenya.

They returned in time for Robin’s “Collation” as Archdeacon on September 15th in Chelmsford Cathedral: (no-one quite knows why the C of E continues to use that word !). We were inspired by a moving and humorous Sermon from the, (very down-to-earth), Bishop of Chelmsford: Robin was clearly looking forward to the challenge of his new job.

We wish them both all the very best for the future and hope that we shall continue to see them from time-to-time.

*John Macdiarmid*

## CHURCH FLOWER DECORATION

The Church looked beautiful for Harvest Festival, thank you to everyone who helped. Eileen, Marian and myself will get in touch with people who kindly decorate the Church for Christmas as soon as we have the date and times for completing the decoration.

We will also be organising the Flower and Cleaning rota in the new year. If anyone would like to help please contact one of us. (Eileen: 01787 227447, Marian: 01787 377889 or Sue Macdiarmid 01787 375858).

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who was on the rota for the decorating and cleaning during 2013. Their efforts ensure that the Church always looks well cared for and welcoming.

*Sue Macdiarmid*

## CHRISTINGLES

We will be making Christingles in the School Room on  
Saturday, 23rd November from 10.00 a.m.

Anyone is more than welcome to join us and the extra help  
would be appreciated.

## HARVEST FAIR

The turnout for this year's Harvest Fair was a little disappointing. The weather was truly appalling and we discovered that there were eight dog shows being held in other villages in the area! The refreshments room, as usual, provided constant nourishment and drinks for both visitors and also cyclists taking part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride. However, despite the weather and poor turnout, the grand sum of £879.40 was raised.

A big thank you to all those who helped to make the day a success.

*Patricia Monk*

## CHURCH OPENING

The Schoolroom and Church are open every first Tuesday of the month,  
between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

Anyone will be welcome to join us for refreshments,  
(including soup at lunchtime!) and general socialising or, if you prefer, enjoy  
some peace and quiet reflection in our church.

If you require any further information please contact

**Brenda Pentney 01787 227615 or Virginia Mackman 01787 228077**

# News from All Saints Church

November 2013

Summer has now gone and the evenings are drawing in and already the countdown has begun towards Christmas. It is unbelievable to see the festive lights already up in Sudbury.

We have had our usual services with special ones too. This year the Pet Service at Workhouse Green was well attended by both parishioners and pets. Although not a sizzling day at least we were not blown away and the tent stayed up!

The Thank You service and BBQ was held in July. This was also the baptism of Isabella Farrow and the last service that Robin King conducted at All Saints. The church was packed to capacity with standing room only and about 70 people enjoyed the feasting afterwards! It is always pleasing to thank all the people who do so much for the church in a variety of ways and to sit and relax in such wonderful surroundings.

Thank you to the chefs Bill Adams and Nigel Monk.

In August Clementine Simmonds was baptised in the Family Service. This is the service when we invite the congregation of St. Edmunds, Assington, to join us and for some socialising afterwards.

We were pleased to welcome Tricia Box to take our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. She is now in her second year of ministry training and this was the first service she had led. It was lovely and enhanced by the beautiful harvest arrangements and decorations. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to achieve such a wonderful autumnal look to the church interior. Thank you, also, to those who gave so generously to the Storehouse Food Collection which were the offerings we made this year.

As we write we are preparing for our Harvest Supper, not only are we using the fruits of our locality but also the meat, as we are having a choice of venison casserole or vegetable cassoulet.

Looking forward, we have the Christingle Service on the 24th November and the Carol Service on the 22nd December followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the schoolroom.

We are appreciating all the visiting clergy who are helping the ministry team whilst the process of the interregnum continues.

***An update on the bells.*** The Rev Tony Moore Memorial Bell Fund was launched with a Musical Extravaganza and Cheese and Wine Supper in March and the sum of £1100 was raised. So far we have had the bells inspected by four companies and estimates received. Now we have the difficult decision of how to go about raising the money to see if we can actually get the bells ringing again. It is an exciting project and we have had a lot of support from within the diocese and from local people too.

Brenda Pentney and Robert Mackman - *Church Wardens*

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## GRAND EASTER DRAW

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Before his sad passing, Revd. Tony Moore organised a Grand Easter Draw to raise funds for the Little Cornard Village Hall. Tony was passionate about the importance of a village hall within the village and was eager to try and help raise money to rectify urgent structural problems the hall is encountering.

The Draw took place in the Church School Room during a coffee morning, which was very well attended. Significant prizes of £100, £50, a free-range turkey, loin of pork, etc. were pledged by members of the church community and local traders. The first prize was won by one of the Model Railway Club members, who use the village hall every Friday night, and second prize by Suzie Wooderson. Yours truly also had some luck in winning the loin of pork!

A total of £1700 was raised which will go towards the essential repairs to be carried out on the village hall over the next couple of months.

*Patricia Monk*

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## VILLAGE MATTERS

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The pylon issue keeps moving on slowly. National Grid is still proposing to underground the section through Little Cornard and has been in discussion with landowners on routeing. There are major local issues for our neighbours Twinstead and Hintlesham regarding a substation and routeing. The formal consultation prior to a planning application should be in 2014 followed by the actual application towards the end of 2014. Assuming approval is granted construction could begin in 2016 lasting about two years.

Another question is whether Government and National Grid can be persuaded to fund the undergrounding of the existing pylons. To this end Little Cornard Parish Council is supporting a proposal to extend the boundary of the existing AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) to include part of Little Cornard. If this proposal is successful it should have a positive influence on the case for undergrounding. Inclusion in the AONB might also provide additional protection against future inappropriate development. Any support for inclusion would be appreciated.

The future of the Village Hall remains in limbo. In the short term work will be undertaken to ensure it is kept watertight and reasonably decorated. In the longer term there are a number of possible scenarios. A large sum of money might be raised to carry out a complete refurbishment. Alternatively the existing Hall could be disposed of and either a new one built or a decision taken that Little Cornard does not need one! Another idea would be to sell the existing Hall and then enter into a partnership with Little Cornard Parish Church to provide better quality multi-purpose facilities on the Church site. This last idea would have the advantages of shared maintenance costs on modern facilities in the long term. The Parish Council would be interested to hear more opinions from local residents.

*Nick Hammond*



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## “A WAYNE IN A MANGER”

Courtesy of Mr Gervase Phinn of  
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send, Woking Surrey

At one little primary school, deep in the Dales, I attended an unforgettable Nativity play which was improvised by the children.

Mary, a pretty little thing of about six or seven, was busy bustling about the stage, wiping and dusting, when the Angel of the Lord appeared stage right. Having wiped his nose on his sleeve, he glanced around suspiciously then sidled up to Mary, as a dodgy market-trader might, to see if you were interested in buying something from ‘under the counter.’

**M** Who are you?

**A** I’m the Angel Gabriel.

**M** Well, what do you want?

**A** I come with tidings of great joy. I’ve got some good news.

**M** What is it?

**A** You’re having a baby.

**M** I’m not.

**A** You are.

**M** Who says?

**A** God, and He sent me to tell you.

**M** Well, I don’t know nothing about this.

**A** And it will be a boy

**M** What if it’s a girl?

**A** It won’t be, ‘cos God knows about these things and you must call it Jesus.

**M** I don’t like the name Jesus. Can I call him Gavin?

**A** No! You have to call it Jesus, otherwise you don’t get it.

**M** All right then. I don’t know what I’m going to tell Joseph.

**A** Tell him it’s God’s.

*Later when the Angel had left and Joseph appeared, he says:*

**J** Hello Mary. Had a good day?

**M** Yes, pretty good really.

**J** Have you anything to tell me?

**M** I am having a baby – oh, and it’s not yours.

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## All Saints Church Grass Cutting Rota for 2014

I will be drawing up the rota for 2014 before the next issue of this magazine. I thank all the volunteers who have kept the grass in top form this year. I would be very pleased to receive offers of help from anyone who would be willing to join the team - **Please Contact Peter Pentney - telephone: 01787 227615**

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## VISIT TO TAIZE IN BURGUNDY

In late June/early July Clare Lodge and I made the direct overnight journey from Victoria Coach Station to Taizé in Eastern France, where the ecumenical community founded by Brother Roger in 1949 now welcomes thousands of mainly young visitors of all nationalities who come to experience the simple life there in an atmosphere of peace, trust and friendship.

The Taizé programme for the week invited us to participate in three services every day in the large, dimly lit modern church. Together with the brothers we sang short melodic chants in many languages interspersed with times for prayer and meditation. To listen and join two thousand voices singing the repetitive chants was a spine-tingling experience. A highlight was on the Saturday evening when everyone held a lighted candle in celebration of the Easter story.

A daily talk was given by one of the brothers on the theme of Hope with questions for later discussion in small groups, each in their own language, where views and opinions were exchanged, often with fun and laughter.

During free time there were opportunities for us to attend chant-singing practices and cultural or philosophical workshops. We also explored the surrounding countryside, appreciating the peace of the rural life.

Everyone was allocated a daily task. Our job was washing-up once a day after a simple meal consumed in a large tent, using only basic utensils - a bowl for drinks, a dish for the main meal and a spoon with a broad handle which was used for spreading butter and jam.

Tents or barracks were the main accommodation, though we were fortunate enough to share a room in a building adjoining the Infirmary – luxury! Twice a day a café selling pizzas, ice-cream and soft drinks was open. During the evening this was a popular place for us to congregate, relax and socialise.

A week in Taizé proved to be a wonderful experience in many ways, meeting people of all nationalities and ages in the friendly and open atmosphere, listening to the words of wisdom from a brother, the communal singing, discussion and prayers and the time to reflect on our lives and to review and renew our faith.

We both returned feeling refreshed, inspired and uplifted.

*Barbara Rea*



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## SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES ANNUAL BICYCLE RIDE

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Unfortunately the day for the 2013 cycle ride was damp and cold. Nevertheless we had 23 riders call at Little Cornard, most of whom came from local Churches, the furthest from West Bergholt. Simon Shaw and his friend Jason rode for Little Cornard - they visited 30 Churches and raised £160 in sponsorship. A fantastic result and a very big thank you to them both!



*Sue Macdiarmid*

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*By Sarah Griffin*

WE are, if you'll forgive the pun, bang in the middle of the shooting season. Around Little Cornard the clink of glasses filled with Prosecco and sloe gin can just about be heard above the chug of the gun bus tractor and the sound of a shot bringing down a plump pheasant.

For my boys it's a favoured moment in the country calendar. Like many small children – until taught otherwise by squeamish grown-ups – they like life red in tooth and claw. Birds are for the pot, hunting is for fun and feathers make wonderful head dresses when you are being Tonto and the Lone Ranger in the barn.

But respecting guns? That was a rather harder lesson for them to learn and me to teach.

Most mothers are able to check the development of their child's fine motor skills by noting how they hold a felt tip or a piece of cutlery. Me, I have always judged it on Rufus's ability to make perfect pistol fingers.

He is, like many seven year old boys, mad about guns. If he doesn't have a toy one to hand he'll happily improvise with cricket wickets, a baguette or my hair dryer. There is a corner of my house which is forever Rorke's Drift.

Given that his father is an infantry officer widely pictured going about his business with a sidearm and his rifle, it would be hypocritical of me to complain.

But complain I must, and worry a bit too, when this fascination seeped from real life play with muddy-kneed mates down the garden into Rufus's computer choices. Games which did not feature some kind of boom and bang were discarded in favour of others which did – anything from a cartoon airborne WWII dogfight to a galactic missile launch in a space-age scenario. We're not talking Mortal Kombat or Call of Duty here, but very ordinary kids' stuff.

Rufus's is a computer generation; he will learn, work, socialise and spend leisure time on-screen. But a gun will always be a gun so I decided it was time they stopped being mythologised and became something more akin to what he sees when the Little Cornard shoot lets fly in the fields above Burnt House.

*continued over....*

That's why, the summer before last, I hired a clay pigeon shoot with a fully qualified instructor who set up in a field of barley stubble next to our garden.

Rufus was lectured at length about safety procedures. He was prodded and poked into the correct firing position. He was educated about lines and heights of fire. He found that when, as instructed he 'snuggled' his cheek onto the barrel, it was jolly cold. He learned all about how much recoil actually hurts and that the noise of a gun firing at close quarters is enough to make you jump out of your skin even with ear defenders on. He discovered that a real gun is very heavy and requires hard work and significant upper body strength.

Above all he learned that even to hit a clay pigeon fired from a known point to an anticipated height is very, very tricky. There were sheep in the field beyond. They did him the courtesy of not looking scared but frankly, they should have been.

I'm not saying we didn't have fun – we did, a ton of it, my children, my Godson, his brother and assorted Mums and Dads. But it was all weirdly normal, drinking tea and shooting in the Bank Holiday sunshine while a chum in a deck chair kept a tally of our respective strike rates.

Rufus was just six years old at the time. But he was bright enough to gauge the difference between the virtual reality of guns in games and the actuality of a day spent in their company. Put it this way, told he could do what he wanted on his last day before the start of the new school year, he asked not if he could go shooting again but if we could go crabbing at Mersea.

I know for sure that this winter my boys and my husband will be found sprawled on a snowy Sunday afternoon in front of a log fire watching the Guns of Navarone or the Heroes of Telemark. They'll be wearing a motley collection of army hats, have the dog in a helmet and all be shouting 'bang' at the telly because, guess what, they still love guns.

But I'm satisfied my gun gamble paid off. I put my six year old into the hands of an instructor who taught him he'd have to invest a lot of physical energy and mental attention to achieve even the most modest result. Played out in his home environment in the company of his parents and some family friends, it stripped away the lazy on-screen fantasy element of handling a weapon which had been so alluring. When he's older and he graduates to beating, and eventually to the gun bus himself, I hope he'll be more realistic and more respectful because of it.

I might not have proved myself a crack shot – I hit even fewer than Rufus in case you're interested – but I think as a country mother and Army wife I aced that one.

Of course, as in all elements of parenting, the law of unforeseen consequences applies. Now I have Felix his three year old brother indignantly demanding 'When's my turn Mama?' And the formerly gun-mad older brother? He's taken up fencing.

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## Village Hall Update

*John Quick*

It has become apparent that generally speaking, both Parish Councillors and many Little Cornard residents agree that the Parish Hall should be retained as a local amenity. Generous amounts of cash have been raised by local fund-raising and a kind donation to cover roof repairs was made by Cllr. James Finch from Babergh funds.

A complete refurbishment of the building was deemed too expensive. To this end, rather than undertaking an extremely expensive full replacement of the roof, it has now been repaired and is once again watertight. Redecoration to resist further deterioration both inside and out are nearly complete. The Hedges round the site have been considerably reduced to restore visibility.

Funds from the **temporarily** increased Parish Precept will go toward ground work for a new retaining wall against the carpark with improved and safer access. Once complete the Hall will be photographed and advertised on the Parish website to improve income and hopefully allow the Hall to become more self-sustaining.

## Little Cornard Conservation Society

We had a most interesting visit to Coggeshall Abbey and the East Anglian Railway Museum. Our visit to Kathy Matthews' garden at Church View, Prospect Hill, was not as Kathy would have wished as the wildflowers were so late to bloom because of the very late Spring. Kathy very kindly offered a return visit a couple of weeks later when the meadow was absolutely full of a wonderful array of colours. Thank you Kathy (and Richard). A short ramble and lunch at The Thatchers Arms, Mount Bures, was the last item on the summer programme.

For the winter, we have already had a talk "Tales from the Dewdrop Inn" given by Alan Cocksedge, about the 700 year old history of Sudbury Cricket Club. At our next meeting we have a talk on the East Prussian people and we are looking forward to further talks through the winter on Antique Jewellery, Water Voles, Saint Edmund, History of Essex Food, and Coco Chanel.

We meet on the last Thursday of each month at the village hall at 7.45 p.m. Guests always welcome.

*Patricia Monk*



## *Cornard Mere - Robin Ford Voluntary Warden*

Shortly before I became warden of Cornard Mere in 1984, the late Edgar Milne-Redhead had planted two Black Poplar, *populus nigra betulifolia* saplings on the reserve. These specimens had been grown from seed collected by Edgar in Lancashire. By the time I arrived, one tree had already succumbed to rabbit browsing. Edgar Milne-Redhead, who had worked at Kew for many years, spent much of his retirement studying the life cycle and distribution of Black Poplars throughout Britain. His researches confirmed the Black Poplar as being one of our rarest native tree species. Luckily, old or "vintage" trees can still be found along the river Stour and its tributaries. Little Cornard possesses an example almost opposite the Mere but on the far side of the railway line. This tree has recently been pollarded and no longer graces the skyline.



However, many of these Black Poplars have been grown from cuttings and the resulting clones reduce the genetic variability still further. Ecologists from Suffolk County Council have been carrying out D.N.A. tests on all known Black Poplars in the county with the objective of increasing this gene bank. Being unrelated to any other Black Poplar in Suffolk, seeds from the tree on Cornard Mere could well prove invaluable in ensuring the future viability of the species along the Stour valley.



### **STOREHOUSE FOODBANK Collection Point at Little Cornard Church**

We had a wonderful collection from the Harvest Festival service. I received a poster to thank us for our ongoing support which I will display at Church.

I included a list of most useful items to contribute in the Harvest Issue of this Magazine. I have now been told that complete meals in a tin are also good to send.

*With thanks, Sue Macdiarmid*

## LITTLE CORNARD HERITAGE GROUP

The Heritage Group has completed its first year of activity and celebrated the occasion with a lunch in the schoolroom. Our special guest was the Ven. Dr. David Jenkins (an authority on the church in medieval Britain) who is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and was invited to lunch by Dr. Christopher Starr, a Fellow of the same society.

Christopher gave our guest a brief outline of the Group's primary aim; the preservation of Little Cornard's past and present for future generations. He explained that our initial work centres on All Saints church and the churchyard. The other members of the Group explained their individual areas of interest and contribution to research so far. As a distinguished historian, Dr Jenkins showed great interest in, and support for, what we are doing, especially regarding the restoration of the church bells. 'To hear the bells ringing again would be really something' he said.

The Heritage Group would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to our knowledge of Little Cornard history.

**Please contact Christopher on [kanonium@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kanonium@hotmail.co.uk)**



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## **UPDATE from James Cartlidge**

**Your Babergh District Councillor**

'I imagine that most politicians of any persuasion are pretty relieved to get to Christmas. These are not easy times and whatever any one promises there are no magic answers to the problems we face, but the magic of this wonderful festive season can hopefully lift us. For me, elected only in May, this year has been a learning curve but I have been pleased to participate in an important policy group on housing and to have the benefit of working with three parish councils that sit at the heart of their communities, not least in Little Cornard. The fact is that the financial pressures we are under as a council (and a country) are not going to go away and there are going to be tough decisions to be made for some time to come. We know that the central grant we receive as a council will fall further, and so we are having to do a lot of blue sky thinking about the way ahead. I love a challenge and am happy to be a part of it – but that's something for next year! For now, it's time to enjoy and be happy amongst friends and family. A merry Christmas to you all.'



# DARKER NIGHTS



Leaving your home unlocked, all in darkness and with valuables on view could mean that you end up giving burglars a gift.

Don't make it easy for them.

Burglars watch for houses with no signs of life. Leave a light on or better still put your lights on a timer and leave a radio on if you go out during the hours of darkness.

Think about the security of your home. Lock up doors, windows and gates. Remember to lock your garden shed and store tools and ladders securely inside; it stops burglars using your tools to break into your house.

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## Superfast Broadband For Little Cornard??

Well, I have been stirring it up as much as I dare!. The whole question of a decent broadband connection for Little Cornard gets more convolute the deeper you look. Firstly I will get the Sudbury side of Little Cornard (LC) out of the way. The '375' prefixed numbers are serviced by the Sudbury exchange and despite the Sudbury rollout (see <http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.co.uk>) there are no plans to upgrade this side of Little Cornard Mere. The BT site already offers a magnificent 1mbps !! (*best to look forward to the 'Suffolk' guaranteed minimum speed of 2mbps*).

The 228 numbers connected to the Bures exchange have a slightly better outlook. I have been assured that under the Suffolk Better Broadband scheme Workhouse Green (WHG) **will** have an excellent 'fibre to cabinet' connection of nearly 50mbps (*"yes thats right - but only sometime during 2015"*). Incidentally the Suffolk Better Broadband rollout map is best completely ignored as it suggests **all** rather than **none** of 'LC' is in the **current** tranche of upgrades.

Currently Bures has good ADSL ('quite fast' but not 'superfast') but it seems there are **NO** plans for a full upgrade to fibre. This did not seem to not bode well for the 'WHG' fibre connection. Strangely I found that Openreach has a blue fibre 'appraisal' flag randomly placed a short distance from Bures station well away from the main Exchange. I can only guess this will be the future link for the domestic fibre which was installed through Little Cornard two years ago.

*John Quick*

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## RECIPE - NUTTY MERINGUE SLICES

### Base:

2 oz soft brown sugar  
3 oz margarine  
2 egg yolks  
6 oz self-raising flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence

### Topping:

2 egg whites  
3 oz caster sugar  
1 oz chopped walnuts  
1 oz glace cherries

*Grease and line a swiss roll tin.*

*Cream the sugar and margarine until fluffy  
- beat in the egg yolks gradually.*

*Stir in vanilla essence and flour,  
press over base of tin.*

*Whisk the egg whites until stiff but  
not dry, add 1 tablespoon sugar and  
whisk until very stiff.*

*Fold in remainder of sugar, nuts and  
cherries.*

*Spread over the base to within  
quarter inch of the edges.*

*Bake in a moderate oven for 20-30  
minutes.*

*Cut into slices when hot but leave in  
the tin to cool.*

### *Recipe from the Assington Bures & Little Cornard Book of Cooking*

Copies are available for only **£5**, with all proceeds going to the three Churches if you would like to buy one, please contact Clare Lodge (01787 312494) or Doris Cutmore (01787 375116). You should find it an invaluable source of mouth-watering recipes and incidentally, would make an **excellent Christmas Present**.

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## **LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

Little Cornard Parish Council meets at the Village Hall five times a year. All meetings start at 7pm and members of the public or press may attend.

### ***Meeting dates for 2014***

**Monday 24th February**

**Monday 14th April**

**(Annual Parish Meeting)**

**Monday 12th May**

**(Annual General Meeting)**

**Monday 8th September**

**Monday 10th November**

The minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

**[www.lcpc.workhousegreen.me.uk](http://www.lcpc.workhousegreen.me.uk)**

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## **Dedicated Website for Parish Council Minutes, Information, Links and Email Contact Address**

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**All articles etc. for the Easter 2014 Issue  
to be received for inclusion by the 8th February 2014**

This is the Little Cornard Magazine which reports on all areas of interest in the parish. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee assist the Church with the finance of this magazine.

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## INFORMATION - INFORMATION - INFORMATION - INFORMATION

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### Church:

**Vicar** - To be appointed.

**Treasurer** - Patricia Monk, Kingsbury Cottage, Upper Road, Little Cornard - 01787 227614

**Secretary** - Clare Lodge, 10 St. Peters Court, Sudbury - 01787 312494.

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**Vice Chairman:** Peter Cutmore, 'Allestons', Chapel Lane, Little Cornard.

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**Members:** Ruth Adams, Cheryl Crane; Phil Gooch; Nick Hammond and Noel King.

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